



## WAIANAE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 24

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### Wai`anae Coast Neighborhood Board No. 24 Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes August 10, 2006

Attendees: Committee Members: Kimo Kelii, Jo Jordan, Tulu Toa, Laura Pitolo, Karen Awana, Patty Teruya.  
Community members: Kau'i Kapu, Shannon Kaaekuahiwi, Suzanne King, Gail Okimoto, Robert Ke, Lisa Kaaekuahiwi, Julia Tuinei, Deonne Carden, Michelle Pieper, Terri-Ane Tuinei, Fran Tuinei Keliikoa, Skye Tuinei, Alicia Talbert, Natasha Ahina, Katherine Talbert, Michelle L Johnson, Maralyn Kurshals, John Kaopua, Al Momoa, Tambry R Young.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Committee Chair Jo Jordan. With a quorum.
- II. Approval of June 2006 Meeting minutes: Defer to September due to members of the meeting not in attendance this evening. December 2005 & May 2006 were approved in the June 2006 park meeting.
- III. Community Concerns:
  - A. Kimo Kelii provided a report on having a parks meeting at Nanakuli Beach Park focusing on parks in the Nanakuli area and shared issues brought up: requests for reserved parking at the present canoe halau area, waterlines to canoe halau area repaired or installed, electricity repaired at Kahe Point Park and Black Rock restrooms, more beautification projects at various Nanakuli beaches, inquire about prisoners assisting in cleaning of beaches, how are homeless families going to be dealt with when evicted, comprehensive restructuring of Nanakuli Beach Park area, closure of campsite area with chain linked poles and cement barriers. Kimo plans to meet monthly to discuss issues about Nanakuli.
  - B. Karen Awana asked if Waianae Community Outreach (WCO) could be placed on my monthly agenda to give regular updates. Tulu reported that WCO attends the parks monthly meeting and does provide reports, their purpose for attending is to listen to community issues and gather information, someone from WCO plans to continue attending meeting. Tulu reported that a target date for the State to open a transitional housing project to help the homeless/houseless issue is Oct 1, 2006 for Kalaeloa to house 200 people (families will be taken first) an informational meeting will be held prior. Patty questioned the homeless/houseless numbers along the coast and stated that more room should be available at Kalaeloa, the count everyone is using does not include the hidden homeless. The population of homeless/houseless has increased in the last few years per Tulu. HCDCH asked WCO to help look for 30 families to help be placed in Kalaeloa. Single individuals only have one shelter on Oahu to use and more need is for this area. January 2007 (34) units will become available for transitional families with the Ohana Ola facility in Lualualei. Deonne questioned that some beaches have become know as "chronic beaches" and others as "little or non chronic beaches" is this true? Yes per Tulu groups have begun gathering together the family/working homeless/houseless and the substance/mental illness/chronic users have become territorial (in ways). Patty hopes to one day see clean beaches not clotheslines and beaches for the community use.
  - C. Patty questioned what is up with the Makaha Canoe Halau is it in use? The Pokai Bay Canoe Halau was built the wrong way.
  - D. Homeless/houseless has started to move into Makua Beach Park.

#### Announcements:

- Voter Registration for the primary is till August 24<sup>th</sup>
- September 2<sup>nd</sup> City & County will be doing hazardous waste disposal collection contact 692 5411 for information
- Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program 2006 will be taking applications for the Hawaii Food Bank National Voucher program contact Waianae – HCAP



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- September 14<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing for request of a Liquor License at the location of Tacos & More! (Waianae) contact the Liquor Commission for additional information
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Ho'ike'ike Song Contest at Makaha Resort
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> is Primary Election Day

IV. Previous Business Update

- A. Signage Identifying Entry Into State Park: No new status. Community members still need to garner support to dig into the blue rock to set the sign.
- B. Makua Waterline & Usage - No new status.
- C. Pokai Bay Canoe Halua - Is complete and a blessing was held.  
Kaupuni Community Park – All permits are now approved. The City has received the cost escalation from the contractor due to the delay in the project and the increase is about 33% from \$785K to a little over \$1ML currently waiting for the Cities decision on price negotiation and taking the additional cost increase from the 2006-2007 budget to finalize the contract for Phase One of the parks improvement.  
Waianae District Park – Brush clearing continues.  
Nanakuli Canoe Halau – The City corrected the misstatement at the WCNB full board in July that the Halau would be complete by year end. Per the City, they expect to break ground by the ending of this year if the cost escalation from the contractor can be negotiated and the City locates an additional \$95K which the City is requesting thru the Community Benefits Package from the landfill CIP money. Original award was in 2002 for \$628K and the cost escalation from the contractor came in at \$760K.

V. Open Discussion

- A. Na Keiki O Ka Moi Canoe Club request to rename the Pokai Bay Canoe Halau at Pokai Bay Beach Park to David Rona Kaaekuahiwi. Shannon opened with reading a statement of Rona's lifetime achievements, community service provided to the Waianae Coast, vision & concepts for the canoe club & halau and the 30 years Na Keiki O Ka Moi has been working individuals from the Waianae Coast. Tambry R. Young as President of Na Ohana O Na Hui Waa canoe association expressed support thru oral & written statement that Rona's dedication thru paddling, coaching, teaching, a mentor, and being a supporter of the paddling community he has impacted/inspired many lives making him the most appropriated person to have the halau named after. She requests that the canoe halau at Pokai Bay be named after Rona. Karen Awana moved and Kimo Kelii second that "The Parks and Recreation committee support recommendation that the WCNB #24 supports renaming the City & County Park facility, Pokai Bay Canoe Halau to the David Rona Ka'aekuahiwi Canoe Halau, along with funding for a plaque to be place on or near the Canoe Halau." Discussion continued, Kimo stated that Rona's legacy needs to be perpetuated with the positive impact he had on many youths and will support the motion. Patty supports the motion and supported the halau in the past. Tambry again stated the support of renaming the halau. A call for the question and the motion was passed. Chair explained the process to attendees that the motion will go before the WCNB full board for support in September, then on to City Council Parks committee for support and on to the City parks department for approval and full City Council for final approval, the process does not happen over night and will take a while and supporter need to be present at all levels. A comment from the audience was there is talk of community members not supporting the renaming of the halau is this true? Chair stated yes but those individuals are not present so cannot be spoken for during this meeting. Another question from audience will the non supporters are able to speak at the September full board meeting? Chairs response, yes at all levels individuals are able to speak for or against any request and you will need to be present at all discussion of the renaming request.
- B. Construction of artificial surfing reef(s) along the Waianae Coast – No one in attendance will leave on agenda for future discussion.
- C. West Oahu Ocean Operational Protocols – Highlite discussion on the EIS (like) Environmental Baseline Study, the history and DLNR. The study is for the ocean area off Kaena to Kalaeloa.

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- We are currently waiting on the release of funding from the 2006 legislation budget to proceed, will leave on the agenda for continued future discussion.
- D. Impacts of Commercial Cultural Tourism – leave on agenda for future discussion even though Environmental Baseline Study is to be done.

VI. Adjournment: There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Georgette “Jo” Jordan

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